

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DIVISION[645]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Mortuary Science hereby amends Chapter 4, "Board Administrative Processes," Chapter 100, "Practice of Funeral Directors, Funeral Establishments, and Cremation Establishments," Chapter 101, "Licensure of Funeral Directors, Funeral Establishments, and Cremation Establishments," and Chapter 102, "Continuing Education for Funeral Directors," Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendments update the rules to be consistent with guidance from the State Medical Director of the Department of Public Health and from the State Medical Examiner's Office. Universal precautions must always be followed by funeral directors when working with human remains, even though there is a very low risk of contracting an infectious disease from human remains. Thus, these amendments remove references to communicable disease. The amendments reorganize the internship requirements and establish rules for instances when there is an interruption in the 12-month internship program. An amendment to the continuing education chapter is necessary to be consistent with legislative changes in 2010 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2325, that revise the automatic exemptions for funeral directors' continuing education requirements in Iowa Code chapter 272C effective July 1, 2010. All other changes are technical in nature.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on July 14, 2010, as **ARC 8927B**. A public hearing was held on August 3, 2010, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Conference Room, Lucas State Office Building. No comments were received regarding the Noticed amendments. No changes were made to the amendments published under Notice of Intended Action.

These amendments were adopted by the Board of Mortuary Science on September 9, 2010.

These amendments will become effective on December 22, 2010.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 21, 147, 142D, 144C, 156 and 272C and 2010 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2325, section 1.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these amendments [amendments to Chs 4, 100 to 102] is being omitted. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 8927B**, IAB 7/14/10.

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